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SUBJECT:U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

EXCERPTS OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S SEPTEMBER 5
NEWS BRIEFING FOLLOW:

QUOTE: Q: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN ITS WISDOM YET
COME UP WITH A LEGAL OPINION ON THE MATTER OF AID TO
TURKEY? YOU MAY NOTE THAT SENATOR EAGLETON IS A BIT
EXASPERATED ABOUT IT TODAY, AND I THINK THE CORRESPONDENTS
ARE ALSO.

A: TWO OR THREE POINTS ON THIS: THE SECRETARY HAS JUST
RETURNED, AS YOU KNOW. THE LEGAL STUDY IN THIS DEPARTMENT
HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED; IT IS BEING WORKED ON. AND I
WOULD HOPE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE THE SECRETARY -- I'M
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CONFIDENT THE SECRETARY WILL BE FOCUSING ON IT.

WITH REGARD TO SENATOR EAGLETON'S COMMENTS, I CAN SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT IS FULLY INFORMED IN THIS MATTER AND THAT ANY FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.

Q: ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT EAGLETON MAKES IS THAT THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE -- THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW VIRTUALLY LEAVE HIM NO RECOURSE BUT TO TAKE THAT ACTION.

A: WHEN I SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT IS FULLY INFORMED IN THIS MATTER, HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARY CONSTANTLY DURING THE CYPRUS CRISIS. YOU GO BACK TO AUGUST 19 AND WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE DECISION THAT THE PRESIDENT MADE WITH REGARD TO MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. BUT HE IS INFORMED -- FULLY INFORMED -- THAT A STUDY IS UNDER WAY. AND WHEN THE STUDY IS COMPLETED AND THE SECRETARY REVIEWS IT, THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS UNDER WAY.

Q: HOW LONG HAS THIS STUDY BEEN UNDER WAY NOW?

A: I CAN'T TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW LONG.

Q: TWO WEEKS -- THREE WEEKS?

A: NO. I THINK IT'S MORE THAN THAT.

Q: HAS THE LEGAL BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT GIVEN THE SECRETARY OR SOME OTHER HIGH OFFICIAL A PAPER WITH THEIR CONCLUSIONS, AS STUDIED? IN OTHER WORDS, HAS THE LEGAL BUREAU DONE ITS WORK? AND WHEN YOU SAY --

A: THE LEGAL BUREAU IS STILL DOING IT'S WORK. NO PAPER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS OF THE TIME I'M HERE.

Q: OR ANYONE ELSE OF SENIOR STATURE?

A: THERE ARE SOME SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT ARE REVIEWING
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THE PROBLEM. THEY ARE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT DRAFTS, AND THE WORK IS STILL IN TRAIN.

Q: DOES A FINAL STUDY IN YOUR WORDS MEAN A STUDY THE SECRETARY APPROVED OR A STUDY THAT THE LEGAL OFFICE GIVES TO THE SECRETARY TO READ?

A: THE SECRETARY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE VARIOUS

OPINIONS GIVEN BY THE LEGAL OFFICE, AND HE WILL THEN COME TO A CONCLUSION ON THAT HIMSELF. BUT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY PIECE OF PAPER AS OF NOW.

Q: SINCE THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE AUGUST 19 AND IT INVOLVES THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO A COUNTRY THAT MIGHT HAVE FINISHED THE WAR BY THE TIME THE STUDY IS COMPLETED, HAS THERE BEEN ANY CALL FOR URGENCY ON THIS STUDY?

A: THIS HAS BEEN WORKED ON. IT'S REALLY, I AM NOT A LAWYER, BUT IT IS A VERY COMPLICATED SITUATION,

QUESTION, HERE, VERY COMPLICATED. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE LEGAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT WITH A GREAT DEGREE OF URGENCY.

NOW, YOU CAN SAY THAT, WELL, IT OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO BE DONE IN TWO OR THREE DAYS OR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS IT CANNOT BE DONE. THE FACTORS ARE VERY COMPLICATED.

Q: IF YOU CAN ELABORATE ON THAT JUST A BIT WHY IT'S SO COMPLICATED. THE LAW SAYS THAT THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE FURNISHED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNTRY'S OWN SELF-DEFENSE, AND THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS FOR USE IN ANY OFFENSIVE ACTIONS IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE TWO ACTS.

A: I JUST CANNOT TRY AND BE A LAWYER UP HERE AND GO INTO THE ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION AND THE VARIOUS FACTORS INVOLVED THAT WOULD GO INTO THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY, I JUST CAN'T DO IT.

Q: HAS ANY CONSIDERATION BEEN GIVEN TO STOPPING THE AID
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WHILE THE STUDY IS BEING STUDIED?

A: NO.

Q: WHY?

A: YOU CAN REFER BACK TO WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID ON AUGUST 19.

Q: WELL, HE SAID HE WAS ASKING FOR A LEGAL STUDY.

A: BUT HE ALSO SAID ON AUGUST 19 -- HE GAVE A VERY DEFINITE STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND THE QUESTION THAT THERE WAS NO PLAN TO STOP MILITARY AID. BUT I WOULD PREFER THAT

YOU CHECK THE TEXT OF THAT IF YOU WOULD.

Q: CAN WE DRAW THE CONCLUSION FROM WHAT YOU SAID HERE TODAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DISAGREES WITH SENATOR EAGLETON THAT THE LAW IS CLEAR AND THAT THE AID SHOULD BE STOPPED?

A: WITH REGARD TO THE COMMENT ON WHAT SENATOR EAGLETON SAID, I WOULD RATHER JUST STICK WITH WHAT I GAVE YOU EARLIER.

Q: CLEARLY THE DEPARTMENT OR YOU DISAGREE WITH HIS DECISION THAT THE LAW IS VERY CLEAR ON THAT POINT.

A: WELL, IN SENATOR EAGLETON'S ADDRESS I BELIEVE IT'S STATED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS COMPLETELY UNINFORMED. THAT IS WHAT I ADDRESSED, AND I AM NOT ADDRESSING MYSELF TO THE OTHER ASPECT.

Q: WELL, HAS THE PRESIDENT BEEN MORE INFORMED ABOUT THE LEGALITY OF THE AID THAN WE HAVE? YOU KNOW THAT'S THE POINT OF EAGLETON'S SPEECH, THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT KNOWINGLY HAS CARRIED ON AID SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY AND THAT THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAS BEEN BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS, HASN'T BEEN INFORMED THAT THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON. NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE PRESIDENT HASN'T BEEN TOLD THAT A LEGAL STUDY IS UNDER WAY. IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT IS PRESIDENT FORD'S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS WHOLE SUBJECT?

A: I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANYTHING ON THIS IN DETAIL. I JUST DON'T HAVE IT. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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